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SUBJECT: JUNE 26 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. PAPERS FEATURE NIXON- BREZHNEV COMMUNIQUE, INCLUDING SECTION DEALING WITH INDOCHINA. NYT' S GWERTZMAN REPORTS COMMUNIQUE HAD NOTHING NEW ON SUBJECT WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY PUT " SEVERE CRIMP" IN US- SOVIET RELATIONS. HE SUGGESTS MOSCOW HAS HAD LITTLE INFLUENCE ON CAMBODIA PROBLEM BECAUSE IT NEVER RECOGNIZED GRUNK AND HAS MAINTAINED ITS EMBASSY IN PP.

2. ALL PAPERS REPORT HOUSE VOTE APPROVING EAGLETON CAMBODIA BOMBING FUNDS CUTOFF AMENDMENT TO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL. NYT' S MADDEN POINTS OUT THAT WHILE CUTOFF TECHNICALLY APPLIES ONLY TO APPROPRIATIONS MADE THROUGH END OF FISCAL YEAR AND NOT TO SUBSEQUENT APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE SENTIMENT IS SUCH THAT ANTIWAR FORCES HAVE BEGUN PREPARATIONS TO WRITE SIMILAR RESTRICTIONS INTO FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS BILLS. MADDEN NOTES THAT MORE SWEEPING CASE- CHURCH BILL FORBIDDING USE OF ANY FUNDS - PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE- WITHOUT SPECIFIC CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION, NOT YET APPROVED BY HOUSE. POST' S LYONS REPORTS HOUSE VOTE INVOLVED REJECTION OF LAST- MINUTE MAHON EFFORTS TO GIVE PRESIDENT 60 MORE DAYS " TO TRY TO BOMB CONTENDING FORCES IN CAMBODIA INTO A CEASE- FIRE." MINORITY LEADER FORD TOLD REPORTERS HE WILL RECOMMEND

PRESIDENTIAL VETO AND SAID HOUSE COULD PRODUCE REQUIRED ONE- THIRD PLUS ONE VOTE NEEDED TO UPHOLD VETO.

3. DURING DEBATE, FORD PLEADED WITH HOUSE TO GIVE PRESIDENT MORE TIME, CALLING CAMBODIA " PRACTICALLY THE LAST PIECE OF A PUZZLE" THAT HAS INCLUDED WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM VN, RETURN OF POWS AND CEASE- FIRES IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA. MAJORITY LEADER O' NEILL, ON OTHER HAND, SAID APPROVAL OF BAN WAS " ONLY WAY TO GET ACROSS TO THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION THAT WE WANT THE BOMBING OF CAMBODIA UNCLASSIFIED

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STOPPED IMMEDIATELY." CORDDRY (SUN) DESCRIBES HOUSE ACTION AS " STUNNING NO CONFIDENCE VOTE" FOR PRESIDENT, WHILE WH SPOKESMAN SAYS VOTE " SERIOUSLY UNDERMINES PROSPECTS FOR ACHIEVING A SETTLEMENT IN CAMBODIA," AND DECLARES " THE PRESIDENT REGRETS THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE...." NYDN' S CAHILL SAYS HOUSE VOTE IS " MOST SEVERE BLOW YET ADMINISTERED BY CONGRESS TO PRESIDENT NIXON' S PACIFICATION POLICIES IN INDOCHINA". PHINQ' S FRIEDMAN REPORTS " CHEERING, WHISTLING, FOOT- STOMPING" HOUSE VOTED THE CUTOFF. WSJ REPORTS COMMON CAUSE SPOKESMAN " EXHILARATED" BY VOTE AND QUOTES ONE CONGRESSMAN THAT " TIDE HAS TURNED. WE JUST CAN' T KEEP FIGHTING THIS BATTLE UP HERE ANY MORE."

4. AP REPORTS ANTI- GKR FORCES FIRED STRELA HEAT- SEEKING MISSILES AGAINST US PLANES YESTERDAY, ACCORDING GKR MILITARY SOURCES. NO PLANES HIT, BUT SAME KHMER SOURCES SAY US PLANES BROKE OFF IN FACE OF MISSILE THREAT AND RETURNED TO THAI BASES. NOT KNOWN WHETHER MISSILES FIRED BY KI OR BY NVA (WP, PHINQ, SUN).

5. NYT' S BROWNE IN KOMPONG KANTUOT REPORTS ANTI- GKR FORCES ATTACK ON WIDE ARC AROUND PP IN SOME OF HEAVIEST FIGHTING IN WEEKS. TOWN NOW NEARLY DESERTED EXCEPT FOR FANK, ADDING TO PP REFUGEE LOAD. KI ROCKET AND MORTAR THE TOWN AND OCCASIONALLY SEND IN GROUND TROOPS. US JETS BOMBED WITHIN 500 YARDS OF MAIN DRAG YESTERDAY AND MAJOR KI ATTACK NOW APPEARS TO BE MOUNTING. US EMBASSY PP DURING PAST TWO DAYS HAS COMPILED LIST OF AMERICANS WHO WOULD HAVE TO BE EVACUATED IN AN EMERGENCY. EVACUATION PLAN HAS BEEN UPDATED, ACCORDING BROWNE, BUT EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID THERE NO URGENCY NOW AND HE DID NOT EXPECT " THE NEXT PHASE" TO GO INTO EFFECT FOR THE TIME BEING. APPROXIMATELY 75 NON- OFFICIAL AMERICANS IN CAMBODIA.

6. REUTER SAIGON REPORTS TPJMC AGREEMENT ON VN PRISONER EXCHANGE BROKE DOWN YESTERDAY WHEN, ACCORDING PRG SPOKESMAN,

GVN DEMANDED CHANGES IN RELEASE SITES. COMBAT LEVEL REMAINS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED. HEAVIEST FIGHTING REPORTED UNCLASSIFIED

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IN DELTA WITH 22 COMMUNISTS KILLED IN ATTACK ON GVN POSITION AT CHUONG THIEN. COMMUNIST SPOKESMAN CLAIMS ARVN PUT 2000 HEAVY ARTILLERY SHELLS DAILY INTO COMMUNIST AREAS OF PROVINCE AS COVER FOR INFANTRY ASSAULTS (NYT, CHITRIB).

7. SENATOR JAVITS, SPEAKING AT 10 TH JAPAN- U. S. BUSINESS- MEN' S CONFERENCE, SUGGESTED THAT JAPAN ASSIST IN RECONSTRUCTION OF SEA INCLUDING NVN (AP, WASH., LAT, 6/25).

8. FINMIN AICHI SAYS JAPAN HAS PARTIALLY CORRECTED ITS BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SURPLUS, BUT HAS YET TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF DOMESTIC INFLATION (REUTERS, NYT).

9. USDA SAYS '73 SALES OF FARM PRODUCTS TO JAPAN EXPECTED EXCEED \$2 BILLION. THIS PARTLY RESULT OF JAPANESE STOCKPILING EFFORTS (AP, NYDN).

10. GROUND BROKEN IN AUBURN, N. Y., FOR JAPANESE STEEL MILL (NYT).

11. MISSISSIPPI GOV. WALLER, HEAD OF STATE FE TRADE MISSION, TELLS JAPANESE MISS. WANTS MORE JAPANESE INVESTMENT IN ALL INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING CHEMICAL, STEEL,

AUTO, AND TEXTILES (AFP, TOKYO; NYT).

12. US TELLS INTL. CONFERENCE THAT MORATORIUM ON WHALE KILLING NECESSARY TO SAVE WHALES FROM EXTINCTION, AND SUPPORTS GRADUAL PHASING OUT OF INDUSTRY. JAPANESE OPPOSED SINCE WHALE PROVIDES 10 OF MEAT SUPPLY AND INDUSTRY EMPLOYS 50,000 (WSJ, WP).

13. JAPANESE MIN. OF HEALTH RECOMMENDS JAPANESE EAT LESS FISH BECAUSE OF DANGER OF MERCURY AND POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYL POISONING, AND EAT MORE MEAT AND VEGETABLES. OBERDORFER (WP) REPORTS THIS IS BECOMING TOP STORY IN PRESS AND NUMBER ONE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION (AP, TOKYO; WP, NYT, WSJ).

14. AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL SAYS FOCUS OF COMING TALKS BETWEEN PRES. NIXON AND PM TANAKA WILL BE MORE ON INTER-UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL ECONOMIC TRADE AND MONETARY PROBLEMS THAN ON THE TRADE IMBALANCE. HE REJECTED IDEA THAT US SHOULD ACCEPT A MORE OR LESS PERMANENT \$2 BILLION ANNUAL TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN AS AN ECONOMIC FACT OF LIFE (AP, WASH.; CSM).

15. NYT' S HALLORAN (IN ARTICLE THAT MOSTLY REPEATS POND' S 6/25 CSM DISPATCH) REPORTS FROM TOKYO THAT NK APPEARS TO HAVE REBUFFED, WITHOUT COMPLETELY REJECTING, ROK PROPOSAL THAT BOTH APPLY FOR UN MEMBERSHIP AT SAME TIME.

16. CHOU EN- LAI EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT OF NK' S LATEST PROPOSALS FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA AT FAREWELL BANQUET FOR MALI HEAD OF STATE (REUTER, PEKING; LAT).

17. ROK OBSERVES 23 RD ANNIVERSARY OF OUTBREAK OF KOREAN WAR WITH NATIONWIDE CEREMONIES (NYDN).

18. CARROLL KILPATRICK REPORTS FROM SAN CLEMENTE (WP) PRES. ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL CONFER WITH WHITLAM IN WASHINGTON JULY 30. WHITLAM WILL BE COMING FROM VISIT TO MEXICO EN ROUTE TO COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS MEETING IN OTTAWA. KILPATRICK NOTES EARLIER REPORTS THAT NIXON WOULD REFUSE TO SEE WHITLAM, WHO HAD AN

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